Imposition of community services on petty offenders

1599. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce imposition of community services as an alternative to imprisonment to benefit petty offenders; and

(b) if so, the measures taken in this regard to help offenders sentenced to less than 2 year imprisonment to skip jail term?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) The lapsed Criminal Law (Amendment) Bill, 1978 had, *inter alia*, a proposal to include community service as one of the modes of punishment. The Law Commission of India, in its 156th Report, submitted after reviewing the Indian Penal Code, 1860 and also the provisions of the lapsed the Criminal Law (Amendment) Bill, 1978, re-examined the proposed punishment of community service. However, the proposed punishment of community service did not find favour with the Commission.

Combining Hindi Institutions into A.D.G.

†1600. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the functions of Translation Bureau, Hindi Directorate, Glossary Commission and Hindi Sansthan;

(b) whether there is any proposal for making a Directorate General by combining these institutions which perform same type of work;

(c) if so, the progress made in this regard; and

(d) if not, the steps to be taken to remove laxity of these institutions for propagation of Hindi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) The Central Translation Bureau (CTB), a subordinate office of the Department of Offical Language, Ministry of Home Affairs, translates non-statutory manuals, codes and procedural literature etc. It also imparts training in translation.

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The Central Hindi Directorate (CHD), Commission for Scientific and Technical Terminology (CSTT) and Kendriya Hindi Sansthan (KHS), Agra are institutions under the Department of Education, Ministry of Human Resource Development (HRD). Briefly their work is as under:—

(i) The CHD engages in propagating Hindi in Non-Hindi Speaking areas, publishes foreign and regional language dictionaries with Hindi, Hindi language learning books and conducts correspondence courses to teach Hindi etc.

(ii) The CSTT engages in developing and updating dictionaries on technical subjects of various disciplines, in Hindi an other Indian languages.

(iii) The KHS provides facilities for higher studies in Hindi language and literature to Hindi Teachers of non-Hindi speaking States as well as foreigners etc.

(b) The objectives of the four institutions are different. However, the Expenditure Reform Commission (ERC) in its report has suggested merger of the CHD, CSTT and KHS.

(c) The Ministry of HRD have examined the recommendation of the ERC and a view has been taken that the specific objectives of the three institutions being different, merger of these institutions will blur the focus of their activities, even though collectively they contribute of the promotion of Hindi. However, the Ministry of HRD have constituted a Department Committee headed by the Additional Secretary of the Ministry, to consider this matter.

(d) The working of the above three institutions is regularly monitored at various levels in the Ministry of HRD to further improve functioning.

Non-Registration of complaints by police in Delhi

†1601. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that incidents of non-registration of complaints of victims by police in Delhi take place frequently;

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